

Kentucky Office for the Blind Building Working Relationships

THE STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL AND THE KENTUCKY OFFICE FOR THE BLIND RESOURCE DIRECTORY FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED AND DEAF BLIND

The Kentucky Office for the Blind is an agency within the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.



Purpose Statement

This manual was developed as a resource for use by individuals who are blind or visually impaired and deaf-blind. The main goal of this manual is to provide critical information concerning available resources. The information contained in this manual will allow Office for the Blind Staff to provide consumer information regarding local, state and nationwide resources.

This Kentucky Blind and Deaf Blind Resource Directory was created by the Kentucky State Rehabilitation Council Special Project Committee in conjunction with Office for the Blind staff. An online version of this manual is available at http://blind.ky.gov. Alternate formats of this manual are available upon request.

The list of resources provided within this manual focuses on information available to individuals who are blind or visually impaired and deaf-blind. If you are aware of additional resources that are available and that should be included, we invite you to contact us regarding future editions of this manual.

Thank you,

The Kentucky Office for the Blind State Rehabilitation Council

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Toll free: 1-800-321-6668 Website: http://blind.ky.gov

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CHAPTER I. STATEWIDE RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN

FIRST STEPS

First Steps is a statewide early intervention system that provides services to children with developmental disabilities from birth to age 3 and their families. First Steps is available in all Kentucky counties. Services may be provided in the home, at child development or other designated centers or in a clinical setting, depending on the needs of the child and family and the availability of services in a given area.

First Steps serves children from birth to age 3 and their families. Child eligibility for the program is determined two ways:

- By developmental delay A child may be eligible for services if an evaluation shows that a child is not developing typically in at least one of the following skill areas: communication, cognition, physical, social and emotional or self-help.
- Automatic entry A child may be eligible if he or she receives a diagnosis
 of physical or mental condition with high probability of
 resulting developmental delay, such as Down Syndrome.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Anyone can refer a child for First Steps services by calling the number below.

First Steps Program
Department for Public Health
275 E. Main St., HS2W-C
Frankfort, KY 40621

Toll free: 1-877-41STEPS or 1-877-417-8377

Fax: (502) 564-0329 or (502) 564-8003 Website: http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/firststeps/

KENTUCKY CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (K-CHIP)

K-Chip's mission is to provide health insurance coverage to low income, uninsured children in Kentucky. The K-CHIP staff understands that access to health care is very important and that preventive care is a large part of health care. Immunizations, well child checkups, and other preventive services help children get and stay healthy. To qualify a child must be:

- Must be less than 19 years of age;
- Must not be eligible for Medicaid;
- Must not have had health insurance for at least six months;
- Must not have voluntarily dropped child's insurance within the past 6 months:
- Family income must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Line;

CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact the K-CHIP Program, Department for Medicaid Services, where eligibility and services are determined by local offices in the county where the applicant resides.

Toll free: 1-877-524-4718

Toll free (Spanish): 1-800-662-5397

TTY: 711

E-mail address is: chfs.kchip@ky.gov Website: www.kidshealth.ky.gov/en/kchip

KENTUCKY COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTHCARE NEEDS

The Mission of the Kentucky Commission for Children with Special Healthcare Needs is to enhance the quality of life for Kentucky's children with special health care needs through direct service, leadership, education and collaboration. Their vision is to be a visible leader in supporting the highest quality of life for Kentucky's children with special health care needs and their families through collaboration and facilitation of an easily accessible community based system of support.

A child can receive services from the Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs if the child is a resident of Kentucky, younger than age 21, has a medical condition that usually responds to treatment and is covered by the program and meets financial guidelines. Services are approved as required by the patient's treatment plan.

Contact the nearest commission office and request an application. The request can come from a parent or guardian, primary care provider, teacher or neighbor. You can make an appointment to come to a commission office to fill out the application. Staff members will tell you what to bring for proof of income and help answer your questions.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs 310 Whittington Parkway, Suite 200 Louisville KY 40222

Phone: (502) 429-4430 Toll free: 1-800-232-1160

Fax: (502) 429-4489

Website: http://chfs.ky.gov/ccshcn/

KENTUCKY SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND (KSB)

KSB is part of the Kentucky Department of Education, Office of Next Generation Learners, and Division of Learning Services. The Mission of the Kentucky School for the Blind is to provide comprehensive educational services to all Kentucky students who are blind and visually impaired, birth to 21. KSB is a K-12 public school serving Kentucky students who are blind and visually impaired; Short Course program (1-12 weeks) of specialized instruction is also available to students throughout the school year; and summer school programs are offered in June and July. The campus located on 15 acres in the historic Clifton neighborhood in Louisville, KY. Dormitories are available for students.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) 1867 Frankfort Avenue Louisville, KY 40206

Phone: (502) 897-1583 Fax: (502) 897-2994

Website: http://www.ksb.k12.ky.us

Administration:

E-mail: KSB/D Deputy Director of Operations: Soraya Matthews

E-mail: Director of Instruction: John Roberts

E-mail: Director of Outreach for Statewide Resources: Meg Stone

E-mail: Director of Outreach for Regional Programs and Services: Kristen Hammond

E-mail: Director of Operations: Kenneth Washington

KENTUCKY SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

The mission of the Kentucky School for the Deaf is to ensure that deaf and hard of hearing children and youth in Kentucky have educational opportunities to develop their potential to become educated, life-long learners and productive citizens. In partnership with families, local school districts, and other service providers, KSD functions as a statewide educational center where: Students come first; Teaching and learning go hand in hand; Students learn and flourish; Families are valued; Hearing loss is viewed as a difference, not a deficit; Experienced staff care; Knowledge and experience are shared; An equal opportunity playing field is a given.

The educational objectives are the same for KSD students as for hearing students: preparing them for success in college, postsecondary technical training, or employment. Every child is given the opportunity to achieve their maximum potential to become confident, self-supporting, independent, and have a rewarding future upon graduation as a productive member of society. Caring and committed faculty and staff give personal attention, support, and encouragement.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Kentucky School for the Deaf 303 South Second Street Danville, KY 40422

Phone: (859) 239-7017 V/TTY

Fax: (859) 239.7006

Website: http://www.ksd.k12.ky.us

Administration:

E-mail: KSB/D Deputy Director: Soraya Matthews

E-mail: Principal: Rodney Buis

E-mail: Director of Outreach for Regional Programs and Services: Artie Grassman

E-mail: Acting Director of Operations: Scott Haun

VISUALLY IMPAIRED PRESCHOOL SERVICES (VIPS)

The Mission of Visually Impaired Preschool Services, Inc. (VIPS) is to offer appropriate services to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers who are visually impaired or blind and to their families; to maximize each child's development potential through direct services, advocacy, and community education.

VIPS offers a variety of programs and services that are uniquely tailored to the needs of young children who are blind or visually impaired and their families. These services are designed to mitigate developmental impacts of visual impairment by teaching children to use other senses to gather information and to use remaining vision to best advantage.

CONTACT INFORMATION

VIPS-GREATER LOUISVILLE

1906 Goldsmith Lane Louisville, KY 40218 Phone: (502) 636-3207 Fax: (502) 636-0024 Toll-free: 1-888-636-8477

Website: www.vips.org

VIPS-CENTRAL KENTUCKY

161 Burt Road, Suite #4 Lexington, KY 40503 Phone: (859) 276-0335

Toll free: 1-888-254-8477

Fax: (859) 276-4379

CHAPTER II. HEALTHCARE AND INSURANCE RESOURCES

CONSUMER DIRECTED OPTION (WAIVER PROGRAMS)

The Consumer Directed Option (CDO) gives Medicaid waiver members more choices in the way some Medicaid services are provided. You can choose who will provide services you need as well as how, when and where services will be provided. You can choose a friend, family member, or support broker to help you direct your services. You can blend services and may return to traditional service delivery at any time with no loss of services. A support broker will help you design your plan of care which is based on your particular needs.

To qualify, you must be a Medicaid eligible and enrolled in one of the following Medicaid Waiver programs:

- Home and Community-Based (HCB) Waiver;
- Supports for Community Living (SCL) Waiver;
- Michelle P. Waiver;
- Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waivers;
- Residential and medical services are not covered under the Consumer Directed Option.

You may be eligible if you are an individual currently receiving or individuals who might become eligible to receive waiver services from Medicaid's <u>Acquired Brain Injury</u> (ABI) Waiver, <u>Acquired Brain Injury Long Term Care (ABILTC) Waiver, Home and Community Based (HCB) Wavier, Michelle P. Waiver Services, Supports for Community Living (SCL) Waiver are eligible to participate in CDO for their non medical services.</u>

CONTACT INFORMATION

KY Health Choices Consumer Directed Option Department for Aging and Independent Living 275 E. Main St., 3E-E Frankfort, KY 40621

Toll free: 1-877-293-7447

KENTUCKY DIABETES RESOUCRES

The Kentucky Department for Public Health has launched a web-based directory for people needing resources for the treatment of diabetes, linking individuals with doctors, diabetes educators and other resources in their area.

The site can be accessed at: http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/info/dpqi/cd/diabetes.htm

It allows users to search by county, or surrounding counties, for self-management classes, support groups, specialists such as endocrinologists or diabetologists, coalitions or medical nutrition therapy.

The site also includes direct links to Kentucky providers and programs that are accredited or recognized by national sources.

MEDICARE

Medicare is the nation's largest health insurance program, which covers more than 39 million Americans age 65 or over, some people with disabilities under 65, and people of all ages with End State Renal Disease. Medicare has two parts:

- Part A (Hospital Insurance)
- Part B (Medical Insurance)

In order to qualify for Medicare you:

- Must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States;
- Must be 65 years of age and older OR
- You or your spouse must have worked for at least 10 years in Medicare-covered employment;
- Be under 65 with End Stage Renal Disease OR
- Have received Social Security or Railroad Retirement disability for 24 months.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Call the Social Security Office:

Toll free: 1-800-772-1213 TTY: 1-800-325-0778

Website: www.medicare.gov/Basics/Overview.asp

MEDICAID - KENTUCKY HEALTH CHOICES

KyHealth Choices is the name for the Kentucky Medicaid program. KyHealth Choices will use its resources to meet the needs of its members and encourage members to be personally involved in their own health care. Members of families with children, pregnant women, elderly, blind or persons with a disability are eligible for Medicaid if they meet certain financial criteria.

As a member of KyHealth Choices you will be enrolled in one of four health plans.

- Global Choices will cover the general Medicaid population.
- Family Choices will cover most children and the KCHIP population.
- Optimum Choices covers individuals with mental retardation in need of long-term care.
- Comprehensive Choices covers individuals who are elderly and in need of a nursing facility level of care and individuals with acquired brain injuries.

CONTACT INFORMATION

To determine what services are available to you, contact the Member Services Call Center, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Toll free: 1-800-635-2570

Website: www.chfs.ky.gov/dms/kyhealthchoices.htm

THE KENTUCKY VISION PROJECT

The Kentucky Vision Project, funded solely by private donations, offers free eye exams and glasses to low income families.

Participating doctors of optometry throughout the state donate their examinations to determine the need for glasses. Should the doctor determine that glasses are required, \$25 donation is requested for each family member receiving glasses. The fee offsets the cost of the lenses, mailing costs, and helps to keep the project ongoing.

Applications are screened by area Salvation Army and Community Action Centers to determine eligibility. Due to the tremendous number of requests, this service is offered one time only to each applicant.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Theresa Willoughby, KVP Coordinator P.O. Box 1422 Frankfort, KY 40602

Phone: (502) 227-7981 E-mail: kvp@kyeyes.org.

Website: http://www.kyeyes.org/kvpcont519.cfm

UK CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN RURAL HEALTH

The UK Center for Excellence in Rural Health-Hazard was established in 1990 to address health disparities in rural Kentucky, including a chronic shortage of health professionals and residents' poor health status. The center accomplishes this through health professions education, health policy research, health care service and community engagement. Nearly 80 percent of the center's graduates are practicing in rural areas, most of them in Kentucky.

The center houses the North Fork Valley Community Health Center, the host clinic for the East Kentucky Family Medicine Residency Program. The center also houses the Kentucky Homeplace program and Kentucky State Office of Rural Health, which are nationally recognized for improving rural residents' access to health care.

CONTACT INFORMATION

UK Center for Excellence in Rural Health - Hazard 750 Morton Blvd Hazard, KY 41701

Phone: (606) 439-1559

Website: http://www.mc.uky.edu/ruralhealth

Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

If you are pregnant, recently had a baby, are breastfeeding or have a child younger than 5 years of age, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) could help you.

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is a short-term intervention program designed to influence lifetime nutrition and health behavior in high-risk populations. WIC is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture.

WIC provides:

- Nutrition education and services;
- Breastfeeding promotion and education;
- · A monthly food prescription of nutritious foods and
- Access to maternal, prenatal and pediatric health-care services.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Division of Adult and Child Health WIC Program

275 E. Main St., HS2-D

Frankfort, KY 40621 Phone: (502) 564-3827

Toll free: 1-800-462-6122 (Voice) Toll free: 1-800-648-6056 (TTY)

Website: http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/mch/ns/wic.htm

CHAPTER III. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

THE KENTUCKY PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This program helps the public access prescription drug programs offered by the drug manufacturers, discount drug programs and discount pharmacy programs. These programs offer prescription drugs free or at reduced costs for qualifying individuals and/or their families.

Prescription Assistance Programs (PAPs) are programs offered by various drug manufacturers. These programs vary widely on their income requirements and other related requirements. Generally, individuals work directly with the pharmaceutical company to determine the level of assistance needed. Most programs require written approval from a health care provider.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Health Care Access Branch 275 E. Main Street HS2W-B Frankfort, KY 40621

Phone: (502) 564-8966

Website: http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/info/dpqi/KY+Rx+Drug+Assistance+Program.htm

SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME (SSDI)

Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) is a federal cash benefit that may be available if a person is disabled.

- Social Security Disability eligibility is determined on having a disability and SSDI payments are based on your prior work. Your spouse and other dependents may be eligible for SSDI payments based on your work history. Their income may affect their amount of benefits, but their income does not affect the amount that you draw for yourself.
- Eligibility for both SSI and SSDI is possible if SSDI benefit rates are low enough.
- If you qualify for SSDI benefits you will be eligible for Medicare after receiving benefits for two years;
- At age 65 your SSDI benefits automatically roll over to Social Security Retirement benefits.

CONTACT INFORMATION

To apply call the Social Security Administration (SSA) office to schedule an appointment at your local office:

Toll free: 1-800-772-1213 Website: www.ssa.gov

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INSURANCE (SSI)

SSI is a need-based program designed to provide a minimum income to people unable to work due to disability or retirement who are otherwise uninsured or underinsured and have insufficient income from other sources. This program pays benefits to disabled adults and children who have limited income and resources. SSI benefits also are payable to people 65 and older without disabilities who meet the financial limits.

- Children as well as adults can receive benefits
- SSI is based on financial need
- You must be determined disabled by the Social Security Administration Disability Determination Office
- SSI recipients are automatically eligible for Medicaid

CONTACT INFORMATION

Call the Social Security Administration (SSA) office to schedule an appointment at your local office:

Toll free: 1-800-772-1213

Website: www.ssa.gov

CHAPTER IV. HOUSING

Housing and Urban Development

Housing and Urban Development Federal Rental Assistance funds several rental assistance programs. Their website is: www.hud.gov/renting/index.cfm

KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION

Kentucky Housing operates through the receipt of fees for administering federal programs including rental assistance that makes safe, decent, affordable housing available to more than 27,000 low-income Kentuckians

Other programs additionally offered by Kentucky Housing include rental housing production financing, homeownership education/counseling and a variety of rental assistance, housing rehabilitation and home repair initiatives

Kentucky Housing works with many partners across the state, including lenders, government agencies, nonprofit housing providers, builders, real estate agents, community organizations and developers, to create affordable housing opportunities through an array of programs and services.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Kentucky Housing Corporation 1231 Louisville Road Frankfort, KY 40601

Phone: (502) 564-7630

Toll free: 1-800-633-8896 (inside KY only)

Website: www.kentuckyhousing.org

CHAPTER V. TRANSPORTATION

The Human Development Institute at the University of Kentucky staff worked diligently to locate and compile a list of statewide transportation services available to individuals with disabilities. The list will allow individuals to quickly and efficiently find the area they reside in and identify transportation services that are available. The guide lists transportation services offered through Medicaid categorized by region and county.

CONTACT INFORMATION

To obtain a hard copy of the Transportation Manual, please call HDI at: Phone: (859) 257-2569 or (859) 257-1714.

You can also view the Transportation Manual from the Products and Resources page of our website at: www.hdi.uky.edu

CHAPTER VI. EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

The Office of Employment and Training, in cooperation with its partners, shall provide qualified people for jobs, quality jobs for people, temporary financial support for the unemployed, comprehensive labor market information, and preserve the integrity and viability of the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, thus promoting the economic well-being of the Commonwealth.

The Kentucky Office of Employment and Training (OET) is part of the <u>Department of Workforce Investment</u>. Office of Employment and Training staff provide job services, unemployment insurance services, Labor Market Information, and training opportunities.

- <u>Job Services</u> match available workers with employers who need their skills and experience. Work search and referrals may be conducted locally, statewide and nationally.
- <u>Unemployment Insurance</u> provides short term benefits for those who are unemployed through no fault of their own.
- <u>Labor Market Information</u> contains a wide range of statistical data on employment and wage patterns. It is available locally, statewide and nationally to both businesses and job seekers.
- <u>Training</u> opportunities are available through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) for Adult Dislocated Worker and Youth who meet certain eligibility criteria.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Office of Employment and Training 275 East Main Street 2nd Floor Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 Phone: (502) 564-7456

Fax: (502) 564-7459 Kentucky Relay Service Toll free: 1-800-648-6057 Website: http://oet.ky.gov

THE CAREER INDEX

The Career Index[™] is a new breed of career information system. Our aim is simple: Take the guess work out of informed choice, put everything you need in one place and make it simple to use and access free to everyone.

Finding relevant, local and current information you can rely on for every consumer in your charge could easily be a full-time job in itself.

Let us do that job for you! We can ensure you always have the very best, the very latest and most local career information available at your fingertips. Everything you need is in one place. No more guess work.

Contact Information

7161 Edgewater Place Indianapolis, IN 46240 Toll free: 1-800-590-8090

E-mail: <u>info@theCareerindex.com</u> Website: www.thecareerindex.com

WORK INCENTIVES PLANNING AND ASSISTANCE (WIPA)

The Work Incentive Planning Assistance (WIPA) program is a Social Security Administration funded Cooperative Agreement to provide benefit advisement to persons ages fourteen through sixty-four who are receiving SSI and or SSDI disability benefits and who want to know the impact of earnings on their benefits and medical coverage. WIPA is the Kentucky statewide program where Benefit Specialists, meeting one on one with consumers and their families, identify Work Incentives that will support training options and employment so that they may make informed choices regarding work. The program provides information about federal, state and local work incentive programs and related issues.

WIPA is administered by two centers for independent living: Independence Place, Inc, in Lexington Kentucky and Center for Accessible Living in Louisville Kentucky.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Center for Accessible Living 305 W Broadway, Suite 200 Louisville, KY 40202

Toll free: 1-888-813-8497 (Voice) Toll free: 1-888-813-8652 (TTY)

E-mail: info@calky.org

Independence Place, Inc. 824 Euclid Avenue, Suite 103 Lexington, Kentucky 40502 Phone: (859) 266-2807

TTY: using Kentucky Relay 1-800-648-6056

Toll free: 1-877-266-2807 Fax: (859) 335-0627 E-mail Pat Allen, CWIC

E-mail <u>Deshala Collier, CWIC</u> E-mail <u>Glenna Betties, CWIC</u>

CHAPTER VII. DEAF BLIND

HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION OF KENTUCKY

A non-profit self-help organization dedicated to information, support, education, and advocacy for people who do not hear well and those around them.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Hearing Loss Association of KY P.O. Box 882 200 Shannon Drive Bardstown, KY 40004 Phone: (502) 339-8037

E-mail: info@hearinglosskyhome.org

KY State Coordinator: Paula Esterle E-mail: paulaesterle@insightbb.com

HELEN KELLER NATIONAL CENTER

The Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults is to enable each person who is deaf-blind to live and work in his or her community of choice. The Center provides services to youth and adults who are deaf-blind according to the definition of deaf-blindness in the Helen Keller Act. They also provide support services for youth and adults who are deaf-blind, their families and professionals who serve them across the country provided through field services.

CONTACT INFORMATION

141 Middle Neck Road Sands Point, NY 11050 Phone: (516) 944-8999 E-mail: hkncinfo@hknc.org

Website: http://hknc.org

KY Regional Rep. for HKNC-Monika Werner

1003 Virginia Ave. Suite 104

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Phone: (404) 366-9634 (V) Phone: (404) 381-8374 (VP)

Fax: (404) 766-3447

E-mail: MonikaWerner@hknc.org

KY ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEAF-BLIND (KADB)

KADB is an organization for individuals who have combined vision and hearing loss. The association was formed in 1991 as a network for deaf-blind Kentuckians to have an active role in supporting, educating, and combating communication issues along with isolation. The membership remains committed to ensuring that deaf-blind Kentuckians have the opportunity to reach their full potential to live and participate independently in society.

CONTACT INFORMATION

KY Association for the Deaf-Blind Rick Roderick, KADB President E-mail: Rickrod@insightbb.com

Website: http://www.independenceplaceky.org/KADB.shtml

KY Office for the Blind Phone: (270) 746-7479 Toll free: 1-800-222-1215

E-mail: Dorothy.Brame@ky.gov

KY Office for Vocational Rehabilitation

Phone: (859)246-2185

E-mail: <u>Jeffrey.Fischer@ky.gov</u>

KY COMMISSION FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

KCDHH provides information, referral and advocacy services and an interpreter referral service for state agencies; KCDHH produces the Kentucky Deaf Festival and the following materials: *Directory of Services*, *Communicator*, and brochures on topics of interest to deaf and hard of hearing persons and their families. A telecommunications access program with devices such as TDDs, amplified phones, CapTel is available for eligible deaf and hearing of hearing Kentuckians. KCDHH also provides services to consumers who are Deaf-Blind.

CONTACT INFORMATION

632 Versailles Rd. Frankfort, KY 40601 Phone: (502) 573-2604

E-mail: KCDHH@KCDHH.kv.gov

Website: www.kcdhh

KENTUCKY DEAF-BLIND PROJECT

The Kentucky Deaf-Blind Project provides statewide technical assistance and training to persons who have both vision and hearing challenges, in combination. Services are offered to person's birth to 22 years of age, their families and services providers. There is no fee for these services.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Diane Haynes **State Coordinator** Kentucky Deaf-Blind Project 229 Taylor Education Building Lexington, KY 40506-0001 E-Mail: Diane.Haynes@uky.edu

OTHER DEAF-BLIND RESOURCES

Websites:

www.chargesyndrome.org **CHARGE** Foundation www.nationaldb.org http://www.aadb.org/ www.beyondhearingaids.com Hearing Loss Solutions and ALD www.harriscomm.com

National Consortium on Deaf-Blindness American Association for Deaf-Blind Products for Deaf and Hard of Hearing

STARKEY HEARING FOUNDATION

Hear Now is a national non-profit program committed to assisting those permanently residing the in the U.S. who are deaf or hard of hearing and have no other resources to acquire hearing aids. You can access an application by clicking on the website below.

CONTACT INFORMATION

6700 Washington Avenue South Eden Prairie, MN 55344 Toll free: 1-866-354-3254

Fax: (952)828-6900

West Coast Office:

275 South Beverly Dr. Suite 200

Beverly Hills, CA 90212 Phone: (310) 691-1411 Fax: (310) 691-1450

Website: http://www.starkeyhearingfoundation.org/hear-now.php

CHAPTER VIII. ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT AND CONSUMER PRODUCTS

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Assistive technology refers to devices and tools that are created to help those with disabilities participate more fully in the activities of daily life.

Assistive technology can be funded by:

- Private insurance
- Public funding
- Other private sources
- Loans

Assistive technology may be provided through several agencies, each with its own application process.

KENTUCKY ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY LOAN CORPORATION (KATLC)

KATLC is a program funded by both private and public money to help Kentuckians with disabilities obtains assistive technology to improve their independence or quality of life. A seven member Board of Directors manages the program.

Any individual who has been a resident of Kentucky for at least six consecutive months, and who either has a disability that permanently affects a major life activity, or is a parent, guardian or caretaker of an individual with a disability. The purpose of the loan must be to purchase assistive technology to be used by the individual with a disability.

A nonprofit organization that provides assistive technology to individuals with disabilities may also apply if they can demonstrate how the adaptive equipment will be used for their potential customers.

CONTACT INFORMATION

275 East Main Street Mail Stop 2 E-K Frankfort, KY 40621 Toll free: 1-877-675-0195

Fax: (502) 564-6745

Website: www.katlc.ky.gov

THE KENTUCKY ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY NETWORKS (KATS)

The KATS Network, the Kentucky Assistive Technology Act Program, serves Kentucky residents of all ages with disabilities of all types, their families, employers and employment service providers, educators, health care and social service providers, and others seeking information about assistive technology (AT) and accessible information technology.

The KATS Network's four Regional <u>AT Resource Centers</u> provide device demonstrations and short-term loan of assistive technology devices for up to six weeks. These services are intended to assist the consumer in device selection and allow them to make an informed decision before a financial investment is made.

CONTACT INFORMATION

KATS Network Charles McDowell Center 8412 Westport Rd. Louisville, KY 40242 Toll free: 1-800-327-5287

Fax: (502)429-7114

Website: www.katsnet.org

KENTUCKY SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

The Kentucky School for the Blind Charitable Foundation's mission is to make a difference in the education, independence, and quality of life for blind and visually impaired students in Kentucky.

Founded in 1984, the Kentucky School for the Blind Charitable Foundation is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to serving students in Kentucky who are blind or visually impaired. The foundation primarily distributes funds to assist and financially support the Kentucky School for the Blind and its statewide outreach services that serve students and their families in Kentucky's 176 school districts. The foundation also makes grant funding available to agencies and activities that advance issues related to the blind and visually impaired. The foundation's goal is to make a difference by supporting academic and cultural opportunities as well as resources and assistive technology that enable blind and visually impaired students to lead independent, productive and successful lives. The foundation strives to fulfill its mission through funding grants, awarding scholarships, providing access to assistive technology, and other supportive endeavors.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

214 Haldeman Ave.

Louisville, Kentucky 40206 Phone: (502) 897-3990

Fax: (502) 897-3194

E-mail: Rick Ricks Executive Director

E-mail: Stacy Arnett Administrative Assistant

Website: www.ksbcf.org

CHAPTER IX. ADDITIONAL STATE RESOURCES

ACCESSIBLE EDUCATION

Schools cannot discriminate based on disability. If you have a child with a disability and have concerns about educational programs that your child may be entitled to or eligible for, contact your local public school system. If you have concerns about state laws and education, contact:

Kentucky Department of Education 500 Metro Street,6th Floor Capital Plaza Tower Frankfort, KY 40601. Phone: (502) 564-2000

Website: www.kde.state.ky.us/KDE

AMERICAN PRINTING HOUSE FOR THE BLIND (APH)

APH is the world's largest provider of accessible educational and daily living products, with over 150 years of service.

CONTACT INFORMATION

1839 Frankfort Avenue

P.O. Box 6085

Louisville, Kentucky 40206-0085

Phone: (502) 895-2405

Toll free Customer Service: 1-800-223-1839 (U.S. and Canada)

Fax: (502) 899-2274

Website: http://www.aph.org/

AREA AGENCIES ON AGING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING

To find a senior center in your area, please click on one of the following Area Agencies on Aging (AAA).

Barren River Area

Allen, Barren, Butler, Edmonson, Hart, Logan, Metcalfe, Monroe, Simpson, Warren

Big Sandy Area

Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, Pike

Bluegrass Area

Anderson, Boyle, Bourbon, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Franklin, Garrard, Harrison, Jessamine, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Nicholas, Powell, Scott, Woodford

Buffalo Trace Area

Bracken, Fleming, Lewis, Mason, Robertson

Cumberland Valley Area

Bell, Clay, Harlan, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, Rockcastle, Whitley

FIVCO Area

Boyd, Carter, Greenup, Elliott, Lawrence

Gateway Area

Bath, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Rowan

Green River Area

Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union, Webster

KIPDA Area

Bullitt, Henry, Jefferson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer, Trimble

Kentucky River Area

Breathitt, Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Owsley, Perry, Wolfe

Lake Cumberland Area

Adair, Casey, Clinton, Cumberland, Green, McCreary, Pulaski, Russell, Taylor, Wayne

Lincoln Trail Area

Breckinridge, Grayson, Hardin, Larue, Marion, Meade, Nelson, Washington

AREA AGENCIES ON AGING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING (CON'T)

Northern Kentucky Area

Boone, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton, Owen, Pendleton

Pennyrile Area

Caldwell, Christian, Crittenden, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Muhlenberg, Todd, Trigg

Purchase Area

Ballard, Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Hickman, Graves, Marshall, McCracken

AUIDENT ALLIANCE

AUDIENT helps low income people nationwide access quality hearing aids and related care at a significantly lower cost. AUDIENT income qualifies families to be eligible for a discount on brand name hearing aids available through the AUDIENT Alliance's national network of dedicated hearing care providers.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Toll free: 1-866-956-54001

Website: http://audientalliance.org

AUDIO STUDIO FOR THE READING IMPAIRED

Volunteers read a chapter or an entire book, one article or the whole magazine, a class syllabus or hand-outs, appliance manuals or cookbooks or crafts instructions - whatever you want or need for school, work or leisure reading. Perfect for blind and visually impaired students, teachers of the visually impaired, blind attorneys and other professionals, hobbyists and homemakers, and senior citizens with low vision. Small fee helps cover studio overhead and production costs.

CONTACT INFORMATION

11403 Park Road, Anchorage, KY 40223. Phone: (502) 245-5422

Website: www.audio-studio.org.

BLUE GRASS COUNCIL OF THE BLIND

The Blue Grass Council of the Blind, Inc. provides information, education, advocacy, and referral to blind and visually impaired (blind/vi) adults in Fayette and surrounding Eastern KY counties.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Blue Grass Council of the Blind is to promote awareness of the abilities, rights and specific needs of blind and visually impaired people. We encourage and motivate individuals who are blind and visually impaired to become productive and involved citizens of the community.

CONTACT INFORMATION

1093 S Broadway, STE 1220

Lexington, KY 40504 Phone: (859) 259-1834

E-mail: bgcb@qx.net

Website: http://web.qx.net/bgcb

CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (CIL)

CILs work to assure physical and programmatic access to housing, employment, transportation, communities, recreational facilities, and health and social services.

Center for Accessible Living 305 W. Broadway, Suite 200

Louisville, KY 40202

Phone: (502) 589-6620 (voice) Toll free: 1-800-813-8497 (voice) Phone: (502) 589-6690 (TTY)

Fax: (502) 589-3980 E-mail: <u>info@calky.org</u> Website: <u>www.calky.org</u>

Center for Accessible Living 1051 N. 16th Street, Suite C

Murray, KY 42071

Phone: (270) 753-7676 (voice)

Toll free 1-888-261-6194

Phone: (270) 767-0549 (TDD)

Fax: (270) 753-7729 E-mail: info@calky.org Website: www.calky.org

Disability Resource Initiative 624 Eastwood Drive Bowling Green, KY 42103

Phone: (270) 796-5992 Fax: (270) 796-6630

E-mail: <u>initiative@dri-ky.org</u>
Web site: www.dri-ky.org

Pathfinders for Independent Living, Inc.

105 E. Mound Street Harlan, KY 40831

Phone: (606) 573-5777 Fax: (606) 573-5739

E-mail: pathfinders@harlanonline.net

CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (CIL) (CON'T)

Independence Place 824 Euclid Avenue, Suite 103

Lexington, KY 40502

Phone: 1-800-648-6056 TTY Toll free: 1-877-266-2807 Fax: (859) 335-0627

Email: info@independenceplaceky.org
Website: www.independenceplaceky.org

CENTRAL KENTUCKY RADIO EYE

Central Kentucky Radio Eye, Inc. Radio Eye is a Radio Reading Service for those people who are unable to access the printed word. Their mission is to broadcast the reading of current newspapers and other everyday literature, offering greater independent living to people who are blind, visually impaired or physically handicapped.

CONTACT INFORMATION

(Located in the Northside Branch of the Lexington Public Library)

1733 Russell Cave Road Lexington, KY 40505 Phone: (859) 422-6390

Email: CKREweb@lsv.uky.edu

Website: http://www.uky.edu/Libraries/CKRE/

CLIENT ASSITANCE PROGRAM (CAP)

The Client Assistance Program is a state agency established by federal law (the Rehabilitation Act of 1973) that provides advice, assistance and information regarding benefits available from federal-mandated rehabilitation programs to persons with disabilities. A person should contact CAP when they:

- Are experiencing undue delay in the processing of their vocational rehabilitation application or services requested;
- 2. Have been determined to be ineligible for VR services and do not agree with that determination:
- 3. Have been denied VR services to which you believe you are entitled;
- 4. Have problems with the VR services that you have not been able to work out with your counselor or have questions regarding the services and benefits available from the VR program;
- 5. Are having trouble understanding how the system works;
- Are having problems with other agencies or training facilities that are preventing you from achieving your vocational goal as stated in your Individual Plan for Employment (IPE);
- 7. Need help to prepare and provide for adequate representation in any appeals process or hearing.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Gerry Gordon-Brown, Director 275 East Main Street Mail Stop 2E-K Frankfort, KY 40621

Phone: (502) 564-8035 Toll free: 1-800-633-6283 (V/TTY)

Fax: (502) 564-2951

Email: Gerry.Gordon-Brown@ky.gov

Vanessa Denham, Program Coordinator

Email: Vanessa.Denham@ky.gov

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS

Four Rivers Behavioral Health

425 Broadway

Paducah, KY 42001 Phone: (270) 442-7121

Toll free: 1-800-592-3980 (24-Hour Crisis and Information Line)

E-mail: www.4rbh.org

Counties served: Ballard, Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Livingston,

Marshall, and McCracken.

Pennyroyal MH / MR Board

735 North Drive

Hopkinsville, KY 42240 Phone: (270) 886-5163

Phone: (270) 881-9551(Christian County)

Toll free: 1-877-473-7766 (24-Hour Crisis Line)

Website: <u>www.pennyroyalcenter.org</u>

Counties served: Caldwell, Christian, Crittenden, Hopkins, Lyon, Muhlenberg, Todd,

and Trigg.

River Valley Behavioral Health

1100 Walnut Street

P.O. Box 1637

Owensboro, KY 42301 Toll free: 1-800-737-0696 Website: www.rvbh.com

For all first appointments and referrals to River Valley Behavioral Health Outpatient

Services, call Point of Entry:

Phone: (270) 683-4039 Toll free: 1-800-737-0696

Counties served: Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union, and Webster.

LifeSkills

380 Suwanee Trail Street Bowling Green, KY 42102 Phone: (270) 901-5000

Toll free: 1-800-223-8913 (24-Hour Crisis Line - Outside Warren County)

Website: www.lifeskills.com

Counties served: Allen, Barren, Butler, Edmonson, Hart, Logan, Metcalfe, Monroe,

Simpson, and Warren.

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS (CON'T)

Communicare, Inc.

107 Cranes Roost Court Elizabethtown, KY 42701 Phone: (270) 765-2605

Website: www.communicare.org

Counties served: Breckinridge, Grayson, Hardin, Larue, Marion, Meade, Nelson, and

Washington.

Seven Counties Services, Inc.

101 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd. Louisville, KY 40202-1451 Phone: (502) 589-4313 TDD Phone: (502) 589-4259

Toll free: 1-800-221-0446 (24-Hour Crisis Line)

Website: www.sevencounties.org

Counties served: Bullitt, Henry, Jefferson, Oldham, Spencer, Shelby, and Trimble.

NorthKey Community Care

503 Farrell Dr.

Covington, KY 41011 Phone: (859) 781-5586 Toll free 1-877-331-3292

Toll free: (859) 331-1792 (24-Hour Crisis Line)

Website: www.northkey.org

Counties served: Boone, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton, Owen, and

Pendleton.

Comprehend, Inc.

611 Forest Ave.

Maysville, KY 41056 Phone: (606) 564-4016

Toll free: 1-877-852-1523 (After Hours Emergency)

Website: www.comprehendinc.com

Counties served: Bracken, Fleming, Lewis, Mason, and Robertson.

Pathways, Inc.

P.O Box 790

Ashland, KY 41105-0790 Phone: (606) 329-8588 or Toll free: 1-800-562-8909

Website: www.pathways-ky.org

Counties served: Bath, Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Greenup, Lawrence, Menifee,

Montgomery, Morgan, and Rowan.

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS (CON'T)

Bluegrass Regional Mental Health/Mental Retardation Board

1351 Newtown Pike Lexington, KY 40511 Phone: (859) 253-1686

Toll free: 1-800-928-8000 (24-Hour Crisis Line)

Website: www.bluegrass.org)

Counties Served: Anderson, Bourbon, Boyle, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Franklin, Garrard, Harrison, Jessamine, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Nicholas, Powell, Scott, and Woodford

Adanta

259 Parkers Mill Road Somerset, KY 42501 Phone: (606) 679-4782

Toll free: 1-800-633-5599 (Emergency Crisis Line)

Website: www.adanta.org

Counties Served: Adair, Casey, Clinton, Cumberland, Green, McCreary, Pulaski,

Russell, Taylor, Wayne

Mountain Comprehensive Care Center

104 South Front Ave. Prestonsburg, KY 41216 Phone: (606)886-8572

Toll free: 1-800-422-1060 (24-Hour Crisis Line)

Website: www.mtcomp.org

Counties Served: Floyd, Johnson, Pike, Martin, Magoffin

DIABETES PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM

The <u>Diabetes Prevention and Control Program</u> is a population-based, public health initiative consisting of a network of state, regional and local health professionals whose mission is to reduce new cases of diabetes as well as the sickness, disability and death associated with diabetes and its complications.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services Diabetes Prevention and Control Program 275 E. Main St. Frankfort, KY 40621

Phone: (502) 564-7996

Website: http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/info/dpqi/cd/diabetes.htm

GUIDE DOG USERS OF KENTUCKY (GDUKY)

Guide Dog Users of Kentucky is a chapter of the Kentucky Council of the Blind and Guide Dog Users Inc. GDUKY is dedicated to advocacy, peer support, and public education related to guide dogs and the blind and visually impaired. GDUKY does not train or place guide dogs. Instead, GDUKY is an independent resource network providing information, support and advice about guide dogs, guide dog training and access laws to its members and to the public.

Website: http://www.guidedogs.kentucky-acb.org/

KENTUCKY ADA

The State Office of the Americans with Disabilities Act provides technical assistance, consultations and training to government agencies and programs regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act. Technical assistance and training areas include: employment, programs, services, and facilities. The Office also responds to inquiries by local governments, businesses and individuals throughout the Commonwealth.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Toll free 1-877-423-2933 Phone: (502)564-3850

TDD: 711

Website: www.ada.ky.gov

KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION OF BLIND ATHLETES (KABA)

The mission of the Kentucky Association of Blind Athletes (KABA) is to create athletic opportunities for blind and visually impaired Kentuckians. The Kentucky Association of Blind Athletes, established in the fall of 2006, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit affiliate of the United States Association of Blind Athletes (USABA).

USABA offers competition in 11 sports (Bowling, Cycling, Goalball, Gymnastics, Judo, Power Lifting, Rowing, Skiing, Swimming, Track and Field, Wrestling and 5-A Side Football.)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Kentucky Association of Blind Athletes P.O. Box 6375
Louisville, Kentucky 40207

Phone: (502) 897-1583 Ext. 258

Email: kenny.jones@ksb.kyschools.us

Website: www.kaba-online.org

KENTUCKY COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (KCDD)

The mission of the KCDD is to create change through visionary leadership and advocacy so people have choices and control over their own lives. The KCDD, along with HDI and KY Protection and Advocacy, are part of our state's Developmental Disabilities Network.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Toll free: 1-877-367-5332 TTY: 1-800-627-4702

Website: www.chfs.ky.gov/kcdd

KENTUCKY COUNCIL OF THE BLIND

KCB is a state affiliate of the American Council of the Blind. KCB has hundreds of blind, visually impaired, and sighted members throughout the Commonwealth.

KCB is the leading nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization of the blind and visually impaired in Kentucky. KCB works for equality and independence for all people with vision loss. KCB advocates for quality education for blind children and youth, expanded training and job opportunities for visually impaired adults, improved services for seniors over age 60 who are just losing their vision, and better public transportation for people who cannot drive. KCB supports issues that touch all blind and visually impaired people.

Explore our website and learn about our radio talk show <u>Sound Prints</u>, meetings, <u>conferences</u>, and <u>special events</u> for the blind and visually impaired. Subscribe to our <u>newsletter</u> and join our <u>email lists</u>.

CONTACT INFORMATION

148 Vernon Avenue, Louisville, KY 40206

Phone: (502) 895-4598

E-mail: Kentucky Council of the Blind

Website: http://kentucky-acb.org/index.html

KENTUCKY DISABILITIES COALITION

The Kentucky Disabilities Coalition is a statewide alliance of consumer, family, and professional groups for a better life for all Kentuckians with disabilities.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: (502) 875-1871

Email: kdcdisabilities@fewpb.net

KENTUCKY DIABETES NETWORK

The Kentucky Diabetes Network is a statewide organization whose mission is to "Collaborate and advocate for the prevention, care, control, and cure of diabetes".

If you would like to become involved with KDN's diabetes action and advocacy initiatives, contact any of KDN's officers or call the Kentucky Diabetes Prevention and Control Program, Kentucky Department for Public Health at:

Phone: (502) 564-7996.

Website: http://www.kentuckydiabetes.net/

KENTUCKY EDUCATION RIGHTS CENTER, INC.

Comprised of individuals who as advocates and attorneys have represented children with disabilities with school-related problems for a number of years. The endeavor of this organization is to provide this identical assistance, but to do so without families incurring financial hardships.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: (859) 983-9222

E-mail: mailto:kerc@edrights.com

Website: www.edrights.com

KY PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY

An independent state agency, mandated by federal law, whose mission is to protect and promote the rights of Kentucky residents with disabilities through legally-based individual and systemic advocacy and education. If you wish to file a dispute over educational programs that you believe you child is entitled to but does not receive, contact:

CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: (502) 564-2967

Toll free: 1-800-372-2988 (Message Line & TTY)

Website: www.kypa.net

KY SELF ADVOCATES FOR FREEDOM

A statewide group run for and by people with disabilities, committed to working in partnership to promote equal rights, inclusion, self-advocacy, support and education in all realms of life.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: (859) 245-0717

Website: www.kyselfadvocates.com

KY SPIN – Kentucky Special Parent Involvement Network, Inc.

KY-SPIN is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to promoting programs which will enable persons with disabilities and their families to enhance their quality of life. SPIN (Special Parent Involvement Network) is a statewide project of KY-SPIN, Inc. SPIN-PTI (Parent Training & Information Project) is funded by the U.S. Dept. of Education. SPIN provides training, information and support to people with disabilities, their parents and families, and information on all types of disabilities and topics for all age groups. All services of the SPIN-PTI are free to all participants.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: (502) 937-6894 Toll free: 1-800-525-7746 E-mail: spininc@kyspin.com Website: www.kyspin.com

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND OF KENTUCKY

The National Federation of the Blind of Kentucky is the state affiliate of the National Federation of the Blind. We are a membership organization advocating for the rights of the blind of all ages. It is our primary goal to empower the blind citizens of Kentucky so that they can advocate for themselves. We promote a can-do attitude believing that given the proper tools and training blind people can achieve their dreams. We want to be independent, productive members of society.

We have six local chapters across the State. They are located in: Ashland, Frankfort, Henderson, Lexington, Louisville, and Murray. In addition we have divisions, which for lack of a better term are special-interest groups. They include: The National Association to promote the use of Braille of Kentucky, The National Federation of the Blind of Kentucky Merchant's Division, Kentucky Parent's of Blind Children, The Kentucky Association of Blind Students, and the Technology Assistance Division. We encourage and welcome new members to join the National Federation of the Blind of Kentucky.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Cathy Jackson, President 210 Cambridge Dr. Louisville, KY 40214-2809 Phone: (502) 366-2317

E-mail: cathyj@iglou.com
Website: www.nfbky.org

NFB/NEWSLINE

NFB NEWSLINE makes it possible for anyone who cannot read conventional print to access information from newspapers, magazines, and other publications not otherwise available in alternative format by use of the touch-tone telephone. The selection of information is menu driven and allows for choice of materials, topics, and personal schedule. KY NFB-NEWSLINE® is a toll free service and at no cost for those who are eligible with access to over 250 state and national newspapers along with magazines and TV listings.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Independence Place 824 E. Euclid Avenue, Suite 103, Lexington KY 40502

Toll free: 1-877-266-2807

Website: http://www.independenceplaceky.org/NFB%20newsline.shtml

PAWS WITH PURPOSE

Founded in 2003, Paws with Purpose is a non-profit organization that provides Assistance Dogs as partners to children and adults with physical disabilities or other special needs. These dogs provide comfort and companionship, help to break down social barriers, and perform many skilled tasks which help their partners lead more independent lives. Based in Louisville, Kentucky, PWP is proud to provide these highly trained companions to individuals living in and around the Louisville & Lexington areas. With the assistance of generous donors, and dedicated/enthusiastic volunteers, PWP is committed to providing highly skilled service dogs at no charge to the recipients.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Paws with a Purpose P.O. Box 7834 Louisville, KY 40257 Phone: (502) 689-0804

Website: http://www.pawswithpurpose.org/waterbowl/Home.aspx

SOUND PRINTS

Sound Prints is a weekly radio talk show by the Kentucky Council of the Blind that covers news, issues, products and resources of interest to blind and visually impaired people. It is broadcast live each Wednesday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Louisville, Kentucky over Clear Channel's WKJK AM 1080. You can call during show times to participate.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: (502) 571-1080

Toll-free: 1-877-904-1080 (Nationwide)

Website: http://kentucky-acb.org/sounds.html

CHAPTER X. ADDITIONAL NATIONAL RESOURCES

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND

The Council strives to improve the well-being of all blind and visually impaired people by: serving as a representative national organization of blind people; elevating the social, economic and cultural levels of blind people; improving educational and rehabilitation facilities and opportunities; cooperating with the public and private institutions and organizations concerned with blind services; encouraging and assisting all blind persons to develop their abilities and conducting a public education program to promote greater understanding of blindness and the capabilities of blind people.

ACB has 51 state and regional affiliates and 20 national special interest and professional affiliates. The state/regional groups meet statewide once or twice yearly and many of these organizations also have local chapters. Many of these local chapters meet monthly. The national special interest affiliates meet annually during the ACB national convention and many of these groups have state/metropolitan chapters.

CONTACT INFORMATION

2200 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 650,

Arlington, VA 22201

Phone: (202) 467-5081 Toll free: 1-800424-8666

Fax: (703) 465-5085

Minneapolis area office:

6300 Shingle Creek Parkway, Suite 105

Brooklyn Center, MN 55430 Website: http://www.acb.org/

THE AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND

The American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) is a national nonprofit that expands possibilities for the more than 25 million people with vision loss in the U.S.

AFB's priorities include broadening access to technology; elevating the quality of information and tools for the professionals who serve people with vision loss; and promoting independent and healthy living for people with vision loss by providing them and their families with relevant and timely resources.

AFB is based in New York, and maintains the <u>Public Policy Center</u> in Washington, DC; the <u>AFB Center on Vision Loss</u> in Dallas, TX; <u>AFB TECH</u> in Huntington, WV; and offices in Atlanta and San Francisco. AFB is also proud to house the <u>Helen Keller Archives</u> and honor the more than forty years that <u>Helen Keller dedicated</u> to working with AFB.

CONTACT INFORMATION

AFB Headquarters 2 Penn Plaza, Suite 1102 New York, NY 10121

Phone: (212) 502-7600 E-mail: afbinfo@afb.net

Toll free:1-800-AFB-LINE (232-5463)

Website: www.afb.org

GUIDE DOG SCHOOLS

The Office for the Blind does not rate, recommend or endorse any of the following programs. We understand this is a very serious and highly personal choice. Please thoroughly research each of the programs listed below.

Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, Inc.

103 Old Iron Ore Road Bloomfield, CT 06002 Phone: (860) 243-5200 Fax: (860) 769-0567

E-mail: apply@fidelco.org

Website: Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, Inc.

Freedom Guide Dogs for the Blind

1210 Hardscrabble Road Cassville, NY 13318 Phone: (315) 822-5132

Fax: (315) 822-5132 (Call before faxing)

E-mail: freedomdog@wildblue.net

Website: Freedom Guide Dogs for the Blind

Guide Dogs of America

Guide Dogs of America 13445 Glenoaks Blvd. Sylmar, CA 91342

Toll free: 1-800-459-4843

Fax: (818) 362-6870

E-mail: mail@guidedogsofamerica.org

Website: Guide Dogs of America

Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc.

P. O. Box 151200

San Rafael, CA 94915-1200 Toll free: 1-800-295-4050

Fax: (415) 499-4035

E-mail: <u>iadmissions@guidedogs.com</u>
Website: <u>Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc.</u>

Oregon Campus: (For general communication refer to CA contact information.)

32901 S.E. Kelso Road

Boring, OR 97009 Fax: (503) 668-2141

GUIDE DOG SCHOOLS (CON'T)

Guide Dogs of the Desert International

P. O. Box 1692

Palm Springs, CA 92263 Phone: (760) 329-6257 Fax: (760) 329-2866

E-mail: info@guidedogsofthedesert.org

Website: Guide Dogs of the Desert International

Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind, Inc.

371 East Jericho Turnpike Smithtown, NY 11787-2976 Toll free: 1-800-548-4337 Fax: (631) 930-9009

E-mail: quidedog@quidedog.org

Website: Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind, Inc.

Guide Dogs of Texas, Inc. (Texas only)

11825 West Avenue Suite 104

San Antonio, TX 78216 Phone: (210) 366-4081

Toll free in TX: 1-800-831-9231

Fax: (210)366-4082

E-mail: larrytuttle@guidedogsoftexas.org

Website: Guide Dogs of Texas, Inc.

Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Inc.

611 Granite Springs Road Yorktown Heights, NY 10598 Toll free: 1-800-942-0149

Fax: (914) 243-2232 (Admissions) or (914) 962-1403 (Training)

E-mail: info@guidingeyes.org

Website: Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Inc.

Kansas Specialty Dog Service (KSDS, Inc.)

124 West 7th Street Washington, KS 66968 Phone: (785) 325-2256 Fax: (785) 325-2258 E-mail: ksds@ksds.org

Website: Kansas Specialty Dog Service (KSDS, Inc.)

GUIDE DOG SCHOOLS (CON'T)

Leader Dogs for the Blind, Inc.

P.O. Box 5000

Rochester, MI 48308-5000 Toll free: 1-888-777-5332

Fax: (248) 651-5812

E-mail: leaderdog@leaderdog.org

Website: <u>Leader Dogs for the Blind, Inc.</u>

Pilot Dogs, Inc.

625 W. Town St.

Columbus, OH 43215-4496 Phone: (614) 221-6367 Fax: (614) 221-1577

E-mail: <u>igray@pilotdogs.org</u> Website: Pilot Dogs, Inc.

Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc.

4210 77th Ave. East Palmetto, FL 34221

Toll free: 1-800-944-3647 (1-800-944-DOGS)

Fax: (941)729-6646

E-mail: rprincivalli@guidedogs.org

Website: Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc.

The Seeing Eye, Inc.

P. O. Box 375

Morristown, NJ 07963-0375 Toll free: 1-800-539-4425 Fax: (973) 539-0922

E-mail: <u>info@seeingeye.org</u>
Website: <u>The Seeing Eye, Inc.</u>

HADLEY SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

The mission of the Hadley School for the Blind is to promote independent living through lifelong, distance education programs for individuals who are blind or visually impaired, their families and blindness service providers.

Founded in 1920 by William Hadley and Dr. E.V.L. Brown, Hadley offers courses free of charge to its blind and visually impaired students and their families and affordable tuition courses to blindness professionals. Today, Hadley is the largest educator of people who are blind or visually impaired around the world, serving more than 10,000 students annually in all 50 states and 100 countries. Hadley is also the largest educator of Braille.

Hadley has a course for you if you are:

- A blind or visually impaired individual 14+ years of age
- A relative of a blind or visually impaired child
- A family member of a blind or visually impaired adult
- A professional in the blindness field

CONTACT INFORMATION

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LIGHTHOUSE INTERNATIONAL

Founded in New York City in 1905, Lighthouse International is a leading non-profit organization dedicated to preserving vision and helping people of all ages overcome the challenges of vision loss. Through <u>clinical services</u>, <u>education</u>, <u>research</u>, and <u>advocacy</u>, the Lighthouse enables people with low vision and blindness to enjoy safe, independent and productive lives.

Mission Statement

Lighthouse International is dedicated to fighting vision loss through prevention, treatment and empowerment.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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TTY: (212) 821-9713 Fax: (212) 821-9707

Website: http://www.lighthouse.org/

LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL

Lions meet the needs of local communities and the world. They have 1.35 million members in 206 countries and geographic areas. By conducting vision screenings, equipping hospitals and clinics, distributing medicine and raising awareness of eye disease, Lions work toward their mission of providing vision for all. Lions have extended their commitment to sight conservation through countless local efforts and through their international SightFirst Program, which works to eradicate blindness.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Lions Clubs International Headquarters 300 West 22nd Street Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842

Phone: (630) 571-5466

Website: http://lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php

Information regarding Lions Clubs in the state of Kentucky can be found at:

Website: http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/find-a-club.php

THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND

The National Federation of the Blind improves blind people's lives through advocacy, education, research, technology, and programs encouraging independence and self-confidence. In January 2004 the NFB opened the National Federation of the Blind Jernigan Institute, the first research and training center in the United States for the blind led by the blind. The NFB has affiliates in all fifty states plus Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico, and over seven hundred local chapters.

CONTACT INFORMATION

200 East Wells Street at Jernigan Place

Baltimore, MD 21230 Phone: (410) 659-9314 Fax: (410) 685-5653

Website: http://www.nfb.org/nfb

PREVENT BLINDNESS AMERICA

Founded in 1908, Prevent Blindness America is the nation's leading volunteer eye health and safety organization dedicated to fighting blindness and saving sight. Focused on promoting a continuum of vision care, Prevent Blindness America touches the lives of millions of people each year. Their mission is: "To Prevent Blindness and Preserve Sight".

CONTACT INFORMATION

Prevent Blindness America 211 West Wacker Drive, Suite 1700 Chicago, IL 60606

Toll free: 1-800-331-2020

Website: http://preventblindness.org/

REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

The Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) oversees <u>grant programs</u> that help individuals with physical or mental disabilities to obtain employment and live more independently through the provision of such supports as counseling, medical and psychological services, job training and other individualized services.

RSA's major Title I formula grant program provides funds to state vocational rehabilitation (VR) agencies to provide employment-related services for individuals with disabilities, giving priority to individuals who are significantly disabled.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Chapter XI. Kentucky Office for the Blind Locations

Ashland Office

Phone: (606) 920-2000 Toll free: 1-800-334-6881

Bowling Green Office

Phone: (270) 746-7479 Toll free: 1-800-222-1215

Elizabethtown Office

Phone: (270) 766-5126 Toll free: 1-800-760-6891

Florence Office

Phone: (859) 371-3380 Toll free: 1-800-334-6895

Frankfort Office/KY Business Enterprises Office (KBE)

Phone: (502) 564-4754 Toll free: 1-800-321-6668

Lexington Office

Phone: (859) 246-2111 Toll free: 1-800-291-8424

Accessible Textbooks Office (Lexington)

Phone: (859) 257-6602 Toll free: 1-800-306-3472

Louisville Office/McDowell Rehabilitation Center

Phone: (502) 429-4460 Toll free: 1-800-346-2115

KATS Network

Phone: (502) 429-4484 Toll free: 1-800-327-5287

Owensboro Office

Phone: (270) 687-7306 Toll free: 1-800-334-6929

Paducah Office

Phone: (270) 575-7315 Toll free: 1-800-334-6945

Accessible Textbooks (Paducah)

Phone: (270) 575-7315 Toll free: 1-800-334-6945

Prestonsburg Office

Phone: (606) 889-1685 Toll free: 1-800-334-6940

Somerset Office

Phone: (606) 677-4042 Toll free: 1-800-895-3863